## A Note from the Author

Welcome to the *Applying AutoCAD 2004* website. I hope your experiences with AutoCAD and our textbook are productive. During the 17-year history of the *Applying AutoCAD* book series, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill and I have worked together to produce what many believe is the easiest-to-use and most helpful book available for classroom and laboratory work. We hope you agree.

Entering today's workforce with AutoCAD knowledge and skills is as important as ever. AutoCAD has been available commercially for more than 20 years; yet it remains one of the most popular CAD tools in the world of mechanical design and manufacturing, architectural/engineering/construction, civil engineering, mapping, and graphical information systems.

If you take seriously the chance to learn, practice, and apply AutoCAD, chances are good that employers will take you seriously. Seize the opportunity and become the best you can be in whatever it is you choose to do in the future . . . and let AutoCAD help you get there.

The best of luck to you!

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